**Comparative & Superlative Adjectives**

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|  | **Positive** | **Comparative** | **Superlative** |
| **Regular adjective:**  1st/2nd decl. | laetus, -a, -um  “happy” | laetior, laetius  “happier” | laetissimus, -a, -um  “happiest” |
| 3rd decl. | fortis, -e | fortior, fortius | fortissimus, -a, -um |
| 3rd decl. w/  stem change | felix, felicis | felicior,felicius | felicissimus, -a, -um |
| **1st/2nd adjective ending in -er** | pulcher, pulchra,pulchrum | pulchrior, pulchrius | pulcherrimus, -a, -um |
| **3rd declension adj. with -ilis** | facilis, -e | facilior, -ius | facillimus, -a, -um |

Comparative

English “\_\_\_\_\_\_**er**,” “**more** \_\_\_\_\_\_,” **“rather** \_\_\_\_\_\_,” or “**too** \_\_\_\_\_\_”

Third declension adjective ending in **-ior, -ius**

“**than**” = “**quam**” or use ablative: “Metella est **Quintā** pulchrior = M. is prettier **than Q**.”

Superlative

English “\_\_\_\_\_**est**,” “**most** \_\_\_\_\_\_,” or “**very** \_\_\_\_\_”

1st/2nd adjective ending in **–issimus, -a, -um**

**Declension**

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| Masculine/Feminine | Neuter |
| fortior | fortius |
| fortior**is** | |
| fortior**ī** | |
| fortior**em** | fortius |
| fortior**e** | |
| fortior**ēs** | fortior**a** |
| fortior**um** | |
| fortior**ibus** | |
| fortior**ēs** | fortior**a** |
| fortior**ibus** | |

**A. Give Comparative & Superlative forms – dictionary entry**

1. laetus, -a, -um
2. gracilis, -e
3. īratus, -a, -um
4. fatuus, -a, -um
5. difficilis, -a, -um
6. piger, pigra, pigrum
7. sollicitus, -a, -um
8. miser, misera, miserum
9. splendidus, -a, -um
10. audax, audacis

**B. Decline**

wiser plan (consilium, -ī, n.; sapiens, sapientis) more powerful city (urbs, urbis, f.; potens, potentis)

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**C. Translate**

1. mercator est tristis; senex est tristissimus.
2. canis erat ferox; porcus erat ferocior; leo erat ferocissimus.
3. Marcus fabulam longiorem nōbīs narrābit.
4. ad urbem pulcherrimam procēdimus.
5. Romani sumus fortiores quam Graeci.
6. Melissa est pulcherrima; Cornelia est pulchrior quam Metella. Estne Cornelia pulchrior quam Melissa?
7. Aurelia irata est sed Cornelius est Aureliā iratior.
8. Charon est fortissimī canis Cerberī dominus.
9. Iovem, deum potentiorem quam Iunonem, timeō.
10. mihi placet mare tranquilius quam illud.
11. bellum ferocius ab illō populō inceptum est.

**D. Translate**

1. clariorem aquam
2. Fortissimi milites
3. ad optimum templum
4. laetissimos servos
5. Leviorum animalium (levis, light)
6. humillimus homo
7. Gravissima manus (gravis – heavy)
8. Longissimas vias
9. facilius mare
10. Difficillimum senatorum
11. improbissimi fratres (improbus = wicked)
12. Pulchrum caput
13. miserrimum patrem
14. prope barbariorem terram
15. Liberrima canis (liber = free)
16. brevissimum diem